

Energy Star Appliance Rebate Program

After gathering comments from utilities, appliance dealers and industry professionals, the elements of the State of Nebraska plan for Energy Star Appliance Rebates are (subject to U.S. Department of Energy guidance criteria, review and approval) below. Efficiency levels match Federal Tax Credit levels, if available.

1. Eligible Products	Rebate Amount*	Efficiency Level
Central Air Conditioning	\$100	16 SEER + 13 EER
Heat Pumps	\$250	15 SEER, 8.5 HSPF + 12.5 EER
Refrigerators	\$50	20% above Federal standard
Freezers	\$50	10% above Federal standard
Natural Gas & Propane Furnaces	\$250	95% efficiency
Water Heaters/5 categories	\$50	Various efficiency levels
Clothes washers/2 levels	\$100, \$200	Tier 1 and Tier 2 levels only
Dishwashers	\$50	<= 307 kWh/yr <= 5.0 gal/cycle

No rebates for boilers or room air conditioners

(* Rebate amount subject to change based on DOE guidance, review and approval.)

2. Process/Key Points

- Appliance dealers, HVAC companies and installers would have to pre-register with the Energy Office.
- Rebate claim form (different form for each appliance) would be given to customer by seller. Each claim form will have a unique ID number and dealer will enter customer profile (name, address, etc) and manufacturer and model number.
- Customer signs, mails claim form and sales receipt to fulfillment center within 30 days. After 30 days, any unclaimed refunds would be available to others.
- Only two rebates per customer.**
- Fulfillment company has an 800 call center for customers on status and other questions.
- Rebates would be on a first come, first served basis.**
- Start date is likely late spring.
- Recycling would be encouraged, but not required. The customer rebate claim form will provide recycling information and contacts.

3. Web site

- Consumers and dealers would access information and forms via the Energy Office web site. At the site would be an overview of the process, access to forms (dealers would have protected access area), and other relevant information.

4. Rebate status

- To provide transparency on rebate fund availability a graphic at the web site would contain the following
 - Rebate funds available
 - Rebates pending
 - Rebate funds paid

5% residential appliance and heating and cooling equipment loans are available from local lenders participating in the Energy Office's [Dollar and Energy Savings Loan Program](#).